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Inventory for FOIA 2014-0035-F

Records pertaining to the Tenth Meeting of the Gore-Chernomyrdin Commission held March 10-11, 1998 in Washington, DC

Extent

31 folders, approximately 2,793 pages

Access

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Provenance

Official records of the Albert Gore, Jr. vice presidency are in the custody of the Presidential Materials Division in Washington, DC and administered by the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) under the provisions of the Presidential Records Act (PRA).

Processed By

Staff Archivists, February 2015. Previously restricted materials are added as they are released.

Related Collections

FOIA 2014-0028-F, 2014-0029-F, 2014-0030-F, 2014-0035-F, FOIA 2014-0040-F, 2014-0042-F, and 2014-0043-F, Presidential Materials Division.

Scope and Content

The materials in this series are a selective, not necessarily all-inclusive, body of documents responsive to the topic of FOIA request 2014-0035-F.

This series contains records related to the tenth meeting of the Gore-Chernomyrdin Commission (GCC) held March 10-11, 1998 in Washington, DC and a site visit to San Jose, California on March 12, 1998. The Gore-Chernomyrdin Commission formally known as the U.S. – Russian Joint Commission on Economic and Technological Cooperation was a collaborative effort established by President Bill Clinton and Russian President Boris Yeltsin after their April 1993 summit meeting in Vancouver, Canada to increase cooperation in space, energy, business development, defense conversion, the environment, science and technology, health, and agriculture. Vice President Al Gore and Russian Prime Minister Victor Chernomyrdin were appointed and served as co-chairmen and the Commission derives its name from both individuals.

Filed amongst these records are preparatory materials related to the eighth meeting of the GCC held February 6-7, 1997 in Washington, DC with a site visit to Chicago, Illinois on February 8, 1997 and the ninth meeting held September 22-23, 1997 in Moscow. Additionally, there are preparatory documents related to Vice President Gore's National Security Adviser Leon Fuerth's visit to Russia prior to the tenth meeting of the GCC.

These materials consist of preparatory and advisory materials in the form of memoranda, cables, summaries, photocopied news articles, press releases, joint reports and statements, memoranda of understanding, talking points, scope, issue and background papers, charts, correspondence, lists, debriefing documents, agendas, planning calendars, schedules, remarks, fax cover sheets, publications, invitations, routing slips, notes, printed emails, drafts, and proposals. The inclusive date range for this series of records is 1993 to 1998 with the bulk of the materials from 1997 and 1998.

Within this series are preparatory and advisory materials related to the tenth meeting of the GCC which document ceremonial as well as official GCC business events. The ceremonial events include a dinner at the National Building Museum in honor of Chernomyrdin and his wife, a drop by event with the Moscow International Petroleum Club, a signing ceremony, press conference, joint broadcast interviews, and a reception at the Russian Embassy. Preparatory materials related to official GCC activities consist mostly of memoranda and papers created by the various committees: Agribusiness, Business Development, Defense Conversion, Energy Policy, Environment, Environmental Working Group, Health, Space, Science and Technology, and the Capital Markets Forum. These materials provide background information detailing purpose and initiatives for the committees as well as highlighting key achievements, unfinished business and priorities for a new phase in committee activities. Related to the official visit of Chernomyrdin for the tenth meeting of the GCC are memoranda and issue papers created for off-line discussions between Chernomyrdin and Vice President Gore.

There are also materials generated and/or assembled by the Office of the Vice President National Security Affairs staff which detail administrative issues in setting up the tenth meeting of the GCC. These records include correspondence with industry executives from such companies as Lockheed Martin, Gulfstream, Chevron and organizations such as the St. Petersburg International Center for Preservation, the Commonwealth Club of California, and the San Francisco Global Trade Council. Amongst the correspondence is a letter from Senator Joseph Biden to Vice President Gore regarding Russia's relationship with Iran. There are also faxed memoranda to GCC committee points of contact for various U.S. government agencies and departments. Other documents generated in the Office of the Vice President prior to the tenth GCC meeting include those related to Vice President Gore's National Security Advisor, Leon Fuerth's trip to Russia in February 1998.

In addition to the preparatory material for the tenth meeting of the GCC are documents related to Gore and Chernomyrdin's visit to San Jose, California on March 12th, 1998. These documents pertain to a tour of the Lockheed Martin Sunnyvale plant which was involved in the United States and Russian space cooperative efforts, a conference at San Jose State University on the Regional Investment Initiatives begun in Russia, and a meeting with technology leaders representing Cisco Systems, Novell, Marimba, Synopsis, Hewlett Packard, WebTV and others along with academics Paul Romer and Chip Blacker from Stanford University and Laura Tyson from University of California, Berkeley.

In addition to records documenting the preparations ahead of the tenth meeting of the GCC and the site visit which followed, this series contains materials related to the eighth and ninth meetings of the Commission which document ceremonial as well as official GCC business events. The ceremonial events include arrival ceremonies, a dinner in honor of Vice President and Mrs. Gore, a breakfast with representatives of the American business community in Russia, a business roundtable and luncheon regarding regional trade and investment. Preparatory materials related to official GCC activities consist mostly of memoranda and papers created by the various committees. Also included is correspondence with companies and organizations such as the American-Russian Chamber of Commerce and Industry (ARCCI), Caterpillar, M.I.C. Industries, Inc., Chevron, United Technologies, the Council on Foreign Relations, the City of Chattanooga, the Moscow International Petroleum Club, the Russian-American Society for the Protection of Animals, Inc. (RASPA), and the Pacific Environment and Resources Center. This series also contains correspondence between Leon Fuerth and Assistant to the Chairman Mikhail Tarasov.

Due to national security restrictions, about one-fifth of this collection remains closed including memoranda, issue papers, talking points, memoranda of conversation (memcons), meeting notes, cables, and correspondence.

System of Arrangement

Records responsive to this FOIA request were found in the Gore Vice Presidential Records: White House Staff Member and Office Files.

Staff Member and Office Files are the textual records created and/or maintained by White House staff members within their individual offices. These files document all levels of administration activity.

Staff Member and Office Files are processed at the folder level, and the documents within are maintained in their original order. Since the files are processed at the folder level, individual documents contained within these folders may not be wholly responsive to the subject area of this FOIA request.

The following is a list of folders processed in response to FOIA 2014-0035-F:

Box 1

Gore Vice Presidential Records: White House Staff Member and Office Files

National Security Affairs

Meeting Files

[Binder] U.S. – Russia Commission Meetings from September 1993 to July 1999 [GCC 9 and 10] [1] [Box 042A]

[Binder] U.S. – Russia Commission Meetings from September 1993 to July 1999 [GCC 9 and 10] [2] [Box 042A]

[Binder] U.S. – Russia Commission Meetings from September 1993 to July 1999 [GCC 9 and 10] [3] [Box 042A]

[Binder] U.S. – Russia Commission Meetings from September 1993 to July 1999 [GCC 9 and 10] [4] [Box 042A]

[Staff Member Unknown] Files

[Untitled Folder: Gore-Chernomyrdin Commission 8] [Folder 1] [Box 075]

[Untitled Folder: Gore-Chernomyrdin Commission 8] [Folder 2]: Correspondence [1] [Box 75]

[Untitled Folder: Gore-Chernomyrdin Commission 8] [Folder 2]: Correspondence [2] [Box 75]

[Untitled Folder: Gore-Chernomyrdin Commission 8] [Folder 2]: Miscellaneous [Box 075]

Box 2

Gore Vice Presidential Records: White House Staff Member and Office Files

National Security Affairs

[Staff Member Unknown] Files

[Untitled Folder: Gore-Chernomyrdin Commission 8] [Folder 2]: Logistics [1] [Box 075]

[Untitled Folder: Gore-Chernomyrdin Commission 8] [Folder 2]: Logistics [2] [Box 075]

[Untitled Folder: Gore-Chernomyrdin Commission 8] [Folder 2]: Logistics [3] [Box 075]

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[Untitled Folder: Gore-Chernomyrdin Commission 8] [Folder 2]: [Loose Materials] [2] [Box 075]

The Tenth Meeting of the Gore-Chernomyrdin Commission, March 9-12, 1998 [1] [Box 075]

The Tenth Meeting of the Gore-Chernomyrdin Commission, March 9-12, 1998 [2] [Box 075]

The Tenth Meeting of the Gore-Chernomyrdin Commission, March 9-12, 1998 [3] [Box 075]

Box 3

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National Security Affairs

[Staff Member Unknown] Files

The Tenth Meeting of the Gore-Chernomyrdin Commission, March 9-12, 1998 [4] [Box 075]

The Tenth Meeting of the Gore-Chernomyrdin Commission, March 9-12, 1998 [5] [Box 075]

The Tenth Meeting of the Gore-Chernomyrdin Commission, March 9-12, 1998 [6] [Box 075]

The Tenth Meeting of the Gore-Chernomyrdin Commission, Off-Line Book, March 9-12, 1998 [1] [Box 075]

The Tenth Meeting of the Gore-Chernomyrdin Commission, Off-Line Book, March 9-12, 1998 [2] [Box 075]

Memorandums of Conversation [Box 075]

Correspondence [Box 075]

Press Materials [Box 075]

Original Notes of Leon Fuerth [Empty] [Box 075]

Outcomes [Box 075]

Logistics [1] [Box 075]

Box 4

Gore Vice Presidential Records: White House Staff Member and Office Files

National Security Affairs

[Staff Member Unknown] Files

Logistics [2] [Box 075]

Logistics [3] [Box 075]

Logistics [4] [Box 075]

California [Empty] [Box 075]

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